



**Testimony of Stan Sorkin**  
**President of the Connecticut Food Association**  
**In Opposition to HB 6350**

Senator Daily, Representative Staples and members of the Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee. My name is Stan Sorkin and I am here today in opposition to HB 6350 and Act Eliminating Exemptions from the Sales and Use Tax and Lowering the Rate of Such Tax.

HB 6350 removes food and non prescription drugs and medicines from the list of products which are currently exempt from sales tax. We understand that the State is in financial straights, but so are its consumers. We feel that placing a tax on essential items such as food and over the counter medicines would be very detrimental to individuals struggling to care for their families. These are not luxury items people can choose to go without.

Connecticut families are having trouble making- ends- meet. Food sales are down dramatically and further subjecting them to a five percent sales tax would be disasterous. People have already had to cut back and we feel for some this could make the difference between eating and not eating, a choice no citizen should be forced to make. Please reconsider subjecting food and over the counter medicines from sales tax. The burden it will place on consumers is not worth the revenue it would generate. Thank you for hearing my remarks.